



**HOLY PLACE . . .** Early morning on the banks of the sacred Ganges river in Banaras, India, brings Indians to the river banks for prayers. The river is among the most holy places in India and one place which Indians hope to visit before they die.

## ... Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

Much has been written lately of India and the remarkable tourist attraction; that it has, Religion permeates 99 per cent of an Indian's life—so naturally these attractions must be religious temples, statues (many are pronounced by today's standards) and artifacts of all kinds.

As I have written before, new Delhi is my favorite—probably because of its truly cosmopolitan nature. Perhaps in time, if I were to return again and again to India, I would soak up more of their history and culture and lean toward a more historical and religious city such as Banaras.

This is supposed to be the holiest of all cities in India. Buddha was born just a few miles from here. The sacred Ganges flows through Banaras which of course makes it the "mecca" of all the Hindu believers. They all hope to make it to this spot before they die—hopefully to die on the banks of the sacred river.

A BOATRIDE on the Ganges in the very early morning is impossible to compare with any other experience. Everything is new and different. Even reading about the professional "prayers" can't prepare one for the sight of seeing them sitting cross-legged, motionless, covered with layers of ashes and staring across the Ganges toward the rising sun.

The burning ghats along the banks of the river have been shown in newsreels and travelogs for years. To actually see the burning bodies and hear the moans of the

family is a piercing shock to Western beliefs. Our guide warned us that it was surely forbidden to take any photographs of a burning ghat—and I quickly agreed that it was a spectacle not my desire to remember with a photograph.

Along the banks, I also saw the professional launderers—complete with their vehicles—donkeys. Imagine sending your laundry out and having it washed in the brown dirty water of the Gages, smashed to bits on the rock\* (their modern cleaning process) and then laid out to dry on the dirty banks of the river!

BANARAS is the first city where I shared my room with lizards. What a shock to settle down in this air-conditioned room to unpack and get ready to see the sights—then to see several real live lizards running around the ceiling and walls! They must do a good job of killing insects.

What a regret now to think about the wonderful silks, jewelry and artifacts that I could have brought back—all at reasonable prices too! Their craftsmen are superb, mostly concentrating on old handed down designs and techniques.

Anyone who goes to India must at some time or other have to fly the Indian Airlines. It is the national internal airlines and flies a rather spotty schedule. It's never on time — one only has to guess how many hours late it will arrive. Nobody seems to mind—except the tourists.

## Knights of Columbus Name Butterfield to Top Post

Newly elected officers of the General Assembly of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will assume their duties July 1, according to John J. Shea commander.

The new officers are: Charles Butterfield of Torrance, admiral; Emmet P. Kaveney of Wilmington, navigator; Michael A. Shanahan of Wilmington, captain; John J. Falbe Sr. of San Pedro, pilot major; Patrick T. Butler of Torrance, comptroller, and Vicente P. Diaz of San Pedro, pursuer.

Other officers include: Robert F. Henning of Torrance,

scribe; Manuel Martinez Jr. of San Pedro, advocate, and John M. Kudrna of Redondo Beach and Raymond M. Carey of Torrance, sentinals. Auditors are Samuel J. Palmer Jr. of San Pedro, Larry Sargent of Seal Beach and Fred M. Zanger of Cypress. The Rev. Leo Gabriel, O.S.M., of Torrance is friar.

New members of the Assembly initiated into the Fourth Degree of the Order include James W. Elliott, Andrew La Horner, and William L. Buechsenstein, all of Torrance.

## Torrance Girl Wins New Title

Beth Adams, 22-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Adams of Torrance, left Torrance early today for New York City. She is competing in the 1966 "Star of America" beauty and talent contest.

Miss Adams, who reigned as Miss Los Angeles County during 1965, was named the "Star of California" last week during competition in Los Angeles. She also was selected as Miss Bathing Beauty of the Year.

Winner of the "Star of America" contest will compete for the "Star of the World" title.

Following the contest, Miss Adams will spend about 10 days on a Caribbean cruise before returning to Torrance.

## USC Group Names New Lecturer

Dr. J. H. Hull, Torrance superintendent of schools, has been appointed lecturer of the year for 1966 by Delta Epsilon at the University of Southern California.

The group is composed of persons who receive their doctoral degrees in education at the University of Southern California.

Dr. Hull, the 13th person to hold the annual lectureship, was honored last week at a breakfast sponsored by the group.

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**ROTARY CONVENTION . . .** Ten members of the Rotary Club of Torrance are pictured here as they boarded a plane for last week's Rotary Club International convention, held in Denver, Colo. While in Colorado, the group also contacted several industrial firms to discuss relocating the firms in Torrance. Boarding the aircraft are, from left, John A. Tweedy, Robert H. Vroman, James M. Richter (behind Vroman), Leonard A. Ensminger, J. Walker Owens, Robert R. Rojo, Dr. Robert E. Fleming, Don H. Hyde, Dan E. Butcher, William E. Shawger, and E. J. (Chris) Sorenson. The prop-jet plane was furnished by U.S. Steel and piloted by Richter, who is the chief pilot for the firm. Hyde is president of the Torrance Rotary Club.

## Active 20-30 Club Sets Plans for Area Chapter

A new chapter of the Active 20-30 International is being organized in Torrance. Organization of the club is under the direction of Don Lund, expansion coordinator of the club.

First meeting of the new chapter was held last week at the Imperial Bank board room, 21154 S. Hawthorne Blvd. Speaker for the evening was Joe Ashcroft, governor of District E of Active 20-30 International.

Ashcroft explained the purposes and goals of the international men's service club, pointing out that local units are now organized in 13 nations of the Western hemisphere. Community service projects, especially through child welfare projects, and the development of young business and professional leaders are chief goals of the organization.

Attending the meeting were potential members from the Torrance area and members of the club from San Pedro, Inglewood, Imperial, and

Westchester Active 20-30 Clubs.

Lund said membership is open to all men between 20 and 39 who live or work in Torrance. Lund may be contacted at the Imperial Bank, 11215 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, or by calling 757-8151.

## TO SAN FRANCISCO

Attending the annual conference of the California School Employees Association in San Francisco Aug 2 through 6 will be Jean Montange, Clyde Williams, and June Baggett of the Torrance Unified School District.

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